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Mr. Ron Curry, Administrator
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Re: Camp Minden/Explo

Dear Mr. Curry:

On Monday, I testified before the Louisiana Senate Environmental Committee which convened a special oversight meeting at Camp Minden. During the meeting I testified that the Louisiana Military Department intended to use the Emergency Response Procedures set forth in Governor Jindal's Executive Order (BJ 2013-14) as a means to contract for the disposal of the M6 propellant at issue.

At the urging of several legislators attending that meeting, it is my intent to use these emergency procedures to expeditiously obtain written competitive quotes and, subject to EPA approving an alternative disposal method, issue a performance based contract with fair and equitable pricing for disposal of the M6. Please know that this request for quotes will not specify the method by which the M6 is disposed, but that public safety will be the most important consideration in the award.

I made this decision because of the rapidly deteriorating condition of the propellant, and due to EPA's expressed willingness to change the disposal remedy. Rather than wait for the Dialogue Committee to complete its work, I wanted to have potential contractors concurrently working on the pricing of alternative methods immediately so that the Louisiana Military Department, as the contracting authority, will be in a position to move quickly based on the outcome of the EPA's Dialogue Committee.

I appreciate the EPA establishing the Dialogue Committee and hope that actions outlined in this letter will contribute to the safe and expeditious disposal of the M6.

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I am available at your convenience to discuss these issues and look forward to the outcome of the Dialog Committee.

Sincerely,



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Major General, Louisiana National Guard
The Adjutant General

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